

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 5025  
Masaharu MATSUMOTO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1207A  
Serial No. 09/940,590 : Group Art Unit 2615  
Filed August 29, 2001 : Examiner Andrew C. Flanders  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 4, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: